

Worship Celebration

9th Sunday after Pentecost

August 2, 2020 + 11 AM

They replied,

"We have nothing here except

**FIVE LOAVES
OF BREAD**

and

TWO FISH."

Matthew 14.17 (CEB)

Welcome to The United Methodist Church of Berea!

*As followers of Jesus Christ, who reveals a God whose love knows no boundaries, we are committed to welcoming and affirming every person as a beloved child of God. Every person—of every sexual orientation, gender identity, ethnicity, age, economic status, health, ability, or any other identifying label—is welcome to participate fully in our ministries and life together as church. We hope The UMC of Berea will become a home for you, your family, and your friends as together, **we make and mature disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.***

Join us in worship, Sunday mornings at 11 am, on Facebook Live (www.facebook.com/UMCBEREA), or watch and share the video of our worship service later on our website at www.umcb.org/sermons.

In preparation for worship, you are encouraged to light a candle as a reminder of God's presence.

We Gather as God's Children

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Opening Prayer

Mighty God, pour out your power and strength on us today.

Grant us the nourishment we need to receive your word.

May your presence fill our lives and carry us forward,

preparing us to be your people and equipping us to do your work in the world.

In your holy name, we worship, pray, and live. Amen.

Hymn

Come, Ye Sinners Poor and Needy

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Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;

Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and power.

***I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me with his arms;
in the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.***

***Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome, God's free bounty glorify;
true believe and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.***

***I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me with his arms;
in the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.***

*Come ye weary, heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall;
if you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all.
I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me with his arms;
in the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.
Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;
all the fitness he requireth is to feel your need of him.
I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me with his arms;
in the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.*

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We Grow in God's Word

Leader: With disciples of every time and place, let us listen for the word of God among us.

People: *Our ears and hearts are open.*

Gospel Lesson—Matthew 14.13-21 (CEB)

¹³When Jesus heard about John, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. When the crowds learned this, they followed him on foot from the cities. ¹⁴When Jesus arrived and saw a large crowd, he had compassion for them and healed those who were sick. ¹⁵That evening his disciples came and said to him, "This is an isolated place and it's getting late. Send the crowds away so they can go into the villages and buy food for themselves."

¹⁶But Jesus said to them, "There's no need to send them away. You give them something to eat."

¹⁷They replied, "We have nothing here except five loaves of bread and two fish."

¹⁸He said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹He ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. He took the five loaves of bread and the two fish, looked up to heaven, blessed them and broke the loaves apart and gave them to his disciples. Then the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰Everyone ate until they were full, and they filled twelve baskets with the leftovers. ²¹About five thousand men plus women and children had eaten.

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Children's Message

Sermon

Hymn

Living Waters

*Are you thirsty? Are you empty? Come and drink these living waters.
Tired and broken, peace unspoken, rest beside these living waters.
Christ is calling, find refreshing at the cross of living waters.
Lay your life down, all the old gone, rise up in these living waters.
There's a river that flows with mercy and love, bringing joy to the city of our God;
there our hope is secure, do not fear anymore, praise the Lord of living waters.
Spirit moving, mercy washing; healing in these living waters.
Lead your children to the shoreline, life is in these living waters.
There's a river that flows with mercy and love, bringing joy to the city of our God;
there our hope is secure, do not fear anymore, praise the Lord of living waters.
Are you thirsty? Are you empty? Come and drink these living waters.
Love, forgiveness, vast and boundless, Christ, He is our living waters.
There's a river that flows with mercy and love, bringing joy to the city of our God;
there our hope is secure, do not fear anymore, praise the Lord of living waters.*

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Prayers of the People

Opportunities for Ministry and Invitation to Give our Tithes and Offerings

Some of us may be experiencing financial hardship or uncertainty during this season, but our generosity through the life of the church remains crucial as an expression of our discipleship and to ensuring that we can maintain our commitments to mission and ministry during this uncertain time. If you already give financially online (www.umcb.org/donate) or by mailing a check to the church office, thank you! If you do not do so already, please consider giving through one of these methods now as we continue to make and mature disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

The Great Thanksgiving

In these extraordinary circumstances, you are invited this morning to have prepared Communion elements or a simple piece of bread ready to receive as we participate together in the holy mystery of Communion, even while we remain physically apart. We will receive the elements at the same time, though not in the same place, trusting that through the presence of the Holy Spirit, our sharing is sacramental as our spirits interact with God's and with one another's. If the risen Christ really is present in all times and places, then surely Christ really is present among us even now. There is no substitute for gathering together in person; however, through God's grace, we trust that we still are held in communion with God and with one another.

The Lord be with you. ***And also with you.***

Lift up your hearts. ***We lift them up to the Lord.***

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. ***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

You form us in your image, breathing into us the breath of life.

You struggle with us in the desert places,

coming to us in night times of weariness, confusion, and doubt,
and guiding us as a pillar of light and a blessing of love.

When our faith falters and we reject your guidance,

you speak to us of love and compassion through your law and your prophets.

Always, your love remains steadfast.

Always, you deliver us from death and despair,
calling us to return and follow you.

And so, with your people on earth and all the communion of your saints,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn, saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your beloved child, Jesus,

who blessed and broke bread for thousands on a shore of Galilee.

He healed the sick and taught your love as he walked upon this earth.

In Christ's great love, you gave birth to your church,

delivering us from slavery to sin and death,
freeing us to receive your blessing and love.

At the last supper he shared with his disciples, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it one last time,
feeding us with these words:

"Receive, eat; this is my body, given for you."

After supper, Jesus took the cup, again gave thanks to you, and shared it with the disciples, saying:

"Drink from this, all of you; this is my life, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin.
As often as you share this, do so in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these and all your miraculous acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves now in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, that we might know your presence and receive your grace.
Pour out your Holy Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine,
and make them be for us your body and blood.

May they nourish us as a bread that never ends, as a living water that always satisfies.
By your Spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other,
and one in mission and ministry throughout the world,
until Christ comes in final glory and we feast all together at your table.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of your Holy Spirit,
all honor and glory are yours, almighty God, now and forever. ***Amen.***

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Hymn

You Who Are Thirsty

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You who are thirsty, come to the well and drink from waters flowing.

You who are hungry, come to the bread and eat of his holiness.

You who are tired, find rest. You who are weak, find strength.

You who are thirsty, come to the well and drink.

He will freely feed all of them who are weak.

He will quench the righteous thirst of all who humbly seek.

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Prayer following Communion

***Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

We Go Out to Serve in God's Name

Hymn

In the River

There is a river where goodness flows. There is a fountain that drowns sorrow.

There is an ocean deeper than fear. The tide is rising, rising.

***There is a current stirring deep inside, it's over-flowing from the heart of God,
the flood of heaven crashing over us. The tide is rising, rising.***

Bursting, bursting up from the ground; we feel it now.

Bursting, bursting up from the ground; we feel it now.

We come alive in the river. We come alive in the river.

We come alive in the river. We come alive in the river.

***There is a current stirring deep inside, it's over-flowing from the heart of God,
the flood of heaven crashing over us. The tide is rising, rising.***

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We come alive in the river. We come alive in the river.

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***Break open prison doors. Set all the captives free.
Spring up a well, spring up a well, spring up a well in me.
Nothing can stop this joy. We're dancing in the streets.
Spring up a well, spring up a well, spring up a well in me.***

***We come alive in the river. We come alive in the river.
We come alive in the river. We come alive in the river.***

Spring up a well! Spring up a well! Spring up a well, spring up the well, spring up the well in me!

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Benediction

Touched, changed, called, and empowered,
let us go now in the power and provision of Christ
to heal the sick, feed the hungry, and serve the world in love.
Christ has blessed us, broken us, and given us as a gift to the world.
May the grace of God be multiplied to us and through us, now and forever.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

Postlude

***Our service of worship is ended.
Our worship through service now begins.***

Morning Prayer:

Thank you for holding me through the night, O God,
and for waking me to behold your likeness today.
Go with me now as I walk with you.
Show me the world and its people
through your eyes of compassion.
Bless me, break me, and move through me
to heal and feed those who hunger for you. Amen.

Evening Prayer:

O God, tonight I lay my failures,
anxieties, struggles,
and unfinished business at your feet.
Hold me, bless me, and change me
as I find my rest in you. Amen.

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Wednesday Evening Prayer Service (In-Person)

Wednesdays, 7 PM

All are welcome to join us on the north lot of our property on Wednesday evenings (weather-permitting) for brief worship services to re-center and re-focus together around scripture and prayer in the middle of the week. Please bring your own chair, wear face coverings, and maintain safe social distance (six feet) from members of other households.

For more information, contact **Pastor Nathan** at nhowe@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x101.



Children's Chapel

Fridays, 9 AM

It's a fun way for your kiddos to start the day! Please share this fun program with your family and friends. You don't need to be local to join us since we use Zoom (meeting ID 820 1966 6376)!

We gather together for half an hour of praise, Bible stories, and prayer. Come in your jammies from your living room, yard, sandbox, or wherever!

For more information, contact **Pastor Carrie** at cantczak@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x105.

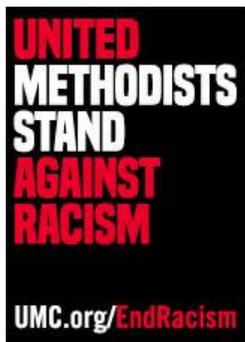
**Student & School Staff
Drive-thru
Back-to-School
Blessing**

**August 16, 12-2 PM
Drive Past on Seminary St.**



This school year is a little different. Let us pray for you and send you into the year with a little more peace and a blessing. Drive up past our red doors on Seminary St. for a blessing and a small token of peace. All teachers, school staff, and students of all ages are welcome. Pastors will be a safe distance away and will be wearing face coverings.

We hope to pray with you with soon!



Praying for Change:

Daily Prayers for Anti-Racism from Discipleship Ministries

Discipleship Ministries of our United Methodist Church is providing resources and guidance to help bathe our current moment and work together in prayer. From Monday through Friday, new prayers are being posted and can be received by email.

For more information and to sign up to receive these resources at your email address, visit <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/articles/praying-for-change-daily-prayers-for-anti-racism>.



New Adult Sunday School Class

God and the Pandemic:

A Christian Reflection on the Coronavirus and its Aftermath

Sundays beginning August 9, 10 AM via Zoom

For four weeks starting on August 9, join us on Sunday mornings at 10 AM via Zoom for a conversation that puts our current experience of pandemic into the context of our Christian scriptures and tradition, based on this recent book by N.T. Wright, professor of New Testament and early Christianity at the University of St. Andrews.

You are welcome to purchase the book but do not need to do so to join us for our conversations as we consider questions related to our experience of pandemic including, *What should be the Christian response? How should we think about God and God's role? How do we live in the present moment? What can we learn about ourselves? and How do we recover?*

Join us online: <https://zoom.us/j/487816871> or
by phone: dial **1-888-788-0099** and enter meeting ID **487 816 871**.



Thursday Women's Bible Study

Thursdays, 6:30 - 8 PM

Thursday evening Bible Study is studying *Determined* by Heather M. Dixon. All are welcomed to join us in this study of Luke and how he helps us see the everyday encounters, turn into something more. Books can be ordered through Amazon.

Join us online at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85619179718pwd=NUIFR3dUc0lKdkM2OVIWbHcwblpCdz09> or by phone by dialing 1-888-788-0099. **Meeting ID** 856 1917 9718 and **Password** 600537

Questions? Please contact **Mary Lynn Swartz** at 440-409-5931
or marylynn482@gmail.com.



Flower Gardens around the Church Building

Even though we are not yet meeting in person inside our building, our flower beds around the outside of the building could use some attention and care. If you have some time to spare and would like the opportunity to enjoy the fresh air, please feel free to stop by and pull some weeds.

Questions?
Please contact Pastor Nathan at nhowe@umcb.org or **440-234-3525 x101**.



Food Collection for Local Food Pantries

Wednesdays, 5 pm - 8 pm in the UMCB Parking Lot

Dave LeBrun will be in the church parking lot, practicing safe social distancing and receiving your donations of non-perishable food items to support local food pantries. Canned meat (e.g. tuna or chicken) especially is being requested. If you are not planning already to make a trip to the grocery store, please feel free to participate with a monetary donation instead, either by mailing a check to the church office or online at www.umcb.org/donate. Please note "food pantry" on the description line. Thank you for your generous participation.

Pastoral Care and Prayer Requests

Please reach out to **Pastor Nathan** (nhowe@umcb.org or 440-234-3525 x101) if you would like to schedule an individual time to talk or if you have a specific prayer request. Likewise, if you find yourself needing food or other supplies and unable to get them, please contact me, and we will do our best to care for you; we have a team of servants ready to respond as best we can. Know that none of us is alone even though we will not be gathering together in person.

Care Leaders

While we are apart from one another physically, we remain connected through our common mission and through our mutual concern and care. As an expression of our connection, we now have a team of “care leaders” who are making phone calls throughout the course of the week to check in, be in conversation, and share prayer requests. If you have not heard from a “care leader” yet and would like to connect this way, or if you would like to serve as a “care leader,” contact **Pastor Nathan** at 440-234-3525 x101 or nhowe@umcb.org.

Staff & Office Hours

For the protection of all, our staff continues to work from home whenever possible. If you contact the staff by email or phone message, please be assured they will respond as quickly as they are able. If your business requires a visit to the church building, please call in advance to ensure a staff member will be available.



Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

The people of The United Methodist Church®